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on rollcall No. 59—H. Res. 475—On Agreeing to the Resolution, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3193) to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to strengthen the review authority of the Financial Stability Oversight Council of regulations issued by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, providing for proceedings from Feb. 13, 2014–Feb. 24, 2014, had I been present, I would have voted “yes”;

on rollcall No. 60—S. 25—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes, had I been present, I would have voted “yes”;

on rollcall No. 61—S. 540—On Passage to designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center, had I been present, I would have voted “no”; and

on rollcall No. 62—H.R. 3448—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide for an optional pilot program allowing certain emerging growth companies to increase the tick sizes of their stocks, had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

HONORING DR. JEFFREY
LEVENSON FOR HIS WORK WITH
SURGICAL EYE EXPEDITIONS

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2014

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Jeffrey Levenson for his good will and compassion for his work with Surgical Eye Expeditions.

As a practicing ophthalmologist for over 30 years, Dr. Levenson has dedicated his career to giving the gift of sight. At the age of 51, Dr. Levenson underwent cataract surgery to restore his own vision loss. Realizing firsthand the devastation of vision loss, Dr. Levenson reached out to California-based Surgical Eye Expeditions, a nonprofit humanitarian organization that recruits volunteer ophthalmologists to perform free, sight-restoring surgery throughout the world.

In 2009 Dr. Levenson traveled to Peru for his inaugural trip performing multiple cataract surgery. Since then, he and his wife, Dr. Ilene Levenson, have traveled to Honduras, El Salvador, and Mexico performing multiple surgeries for those less fortunate. In a typical week long trip the ophthalmologists are able to perform 20 cataract surgeries. While we are fortunate here in the U.S. to have the latest specialized technology and equipment for cataract surgery, Dr. Levenson had to rely on a low-tech approach that he learned by watching other ophthalmologists online. And while this

may have been more difficult to perform, Dr. Levenson has given the gift of sight to many patients that thought they would never see again. And with their appreciation his patients have thanked him in different ways, one from Peru giving him a goat and in El Salvador, two live chickens.

Dr. Levenson has served our local community with pride, working with the Riverside Park Surgery Center, Baptist Health and St. Vincent's HealthCare in Jacksonville. In addition Dr. Levenson has worked with the Vision is Priceless Council, a volunteer nonprofit in Jacksonville that provides free vision and glaucoma screenings, eye-care education, and injury prevention. The Council's Cared Vision Program, “Gift of Sight,” provides cataract surgery for 20 people a year who are completely blind and unable to afford the surgery. Dr. Levenson serves as the Council's Cared Vision Advisor and donates more than 100 services to the Cared Vision Program all while regularly volunteering at vision clinics throughout the community.

Jacksonville is honored to have such an amazing humanitarian as a part of our community. The gift of sight is priceless and I commend Dr. Levenson on his compassion and his work to help those in need both at home and abroad. Mr. Speaker, I ask you and Members of the House to join me in this very special congressional salute honoring Dr. Jeffrey Levenson.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
DEDICATED SERVICE OF THE
HONORABLE RAY WILSON

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and dedicated service of the Honorable Ray Wilson of Northwest Florida. Mr. Wilson was Okaloosa County's longest serving sheriff, and he is known throughout the area for his intelligence, his unwavering commitment to fairness and upholding the law, and his determination to serve and improve his community. All of Northwest Florida mourns his passing.

Mr. Wilson was born in Campton, Florida, and was a lifelong resident of Okaloosa County. After graduating from high school and serving in the United States Army, Mr. Wilson returned to his native Okaloosa County and decided to run for sheriff. Law enforcement was in his blood, as his father, Lester Wilson was the Crestview Chief of Police. At the age of 28, Ray Wilson was elected, becoming the youngest sheriff in Florida history.

Despite his young age, Mr. Wilson's astuteness and commitment to service were immediately evident. He genuinely loved serving his community and had an extremely successful 20-year career. Thanks to this kind of determination, he helped lead a truly first-class sheriff's department that made Okaloosa County a safer place for all residents and visitors. In fact, Mr. Wilson's impact on the history of Okaloosa County was so strong that he was bestowed a Civic Leader Award by the sheriff's department in 2012, more than 35 years after leaving his post.

In addition to his service and leadership in law enforcement, Mr. Wilson was a man of great faith and a minister of the Gospel. He was also a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress it is an honor for me to recognize the life and service of the Honorable Ray Wilson. My wife Vicki and I send our prayers and condolences to his wife, Virginia; children, Stuart, Scott, and Sharon; his six grandchildren; and numerous great and great-great grandchildren.

HONORING O'CYNTHIA WILLIAMS

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2014

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Black History Month and to recognize the important contributions made by African-Americans to my congressional district in The Bronx. African-Americans have made countless contributions to and sacrifices for this great nation, and nowhere is this more visible than in New York City.

As the Representative of the Fifteenth Congressional District of New York, I have had the opportunity and pleasure to get a firsthand account of the work and contributions of Ms. O'Cynthia Williams to our community, and I am proud to recognize her hard work and dedication to The Bronx.

Known throughout New York City as a champion for education equity, Ms. Williams has dedicated her professional life to developing reforms and initiatives that improve the quality of education at New York City's public schools. As a mother of six New York City Public School educated children, she has very keen understanding of what a quality public school education is.

As a Parent Leader & Organizer with the New York City Coalition for Educational Justice, and a founding member of the United Parents of Highbridge, Ms. Williams has dedicated countless hours to traveling across New York City and educating parents on the importance of parent engagement, parent leadership development training, and how to make principals and teacher more accountable.

Last year, Ms. Williams won an important victory for a neighborhood in my district. While working alongside the United Parents of Highbridge, her dream of establishing Highbridge's first middle school came to fruition. The Highbridge Green School, the Bronx's first “green” school, opened its door at the start of the 2013–2014 school year. For the first time in the history of this part of my district, the young men and women of Highbridge will no longer have to travel across several neighborhoods in order to get to their middle school. And Ms. Williams played a vital role in this effort.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing Ms. O'Cynthia Williams, an important advocate for a better future for children in The Bronx and throughout New York City.